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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, National Invasive Species Council.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the interdepartmental National Invasive Species Council (NISC), proposes to appoint new members to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the ISAC.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked by [INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Jamie K. Reaser, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council Secretariat (OS/NISC), by regular / express mail: 1849 C Street NW (Mailstop 3530), Washington, DC 20240 and email: Jamie_Reaser@ios.doi.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Brantley, Program Specialist and ISAC Coordinator, at (202) 208-4122, fax: (202) 208-4118, or by e-mail at Kelsey_Brantley@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order (EO) 13122 authorized the National Invasive Species Council (NISC) to provide interdepartmental coordination, planning, and leadership for the Federal Government on

the prevention, eradication, and control of invasive species. NISC is currently comprised of thirteen Federal Departments and Agencies. The Co-chairs of NISC are the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce. The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) advises NISC. NISC is requesting nominations for senior-level professionals to serve on the ISAC.

Nominations that were submitted in response to the Federal Register notice dated September 30, 2015 are still under consideration. These nominees do not need to reapply, unless they wish to make changes to their nomination package.

NISC provides high-level interdepartmental coordination of Federal invasive species actions and works with other Federal and non-Federal groups to address invasive species issues at national and international levels. NISC duties, as outlined in EO 13112 are to: oversee implementation of EO 13112, while working to ensure that the Federal agency activities concerning invasive species are coordinated, complementary, cost-efficient, and effective; encourage planning and action at local, tribal, state, regional, and ecosystem-based level to achieve strategic goals; develop recommendations for international cooperation; work with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to develop guidance to Federal Agencies pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); facilitate development of a coordinated network among Federal Agencies to document, evaluate, and monitor invasive species impacts; and prepare, issue (implement), and update a National Invasive Species Management Plan (Management Plan).

ISAC is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. App. 2). At the request of NISC, ISAC provides advice to NISC member Departments and Agencies on topics related to NISC's aforementioned duties. As a multi-stakeholder advisory committee, ISAC is intended to play a key role in recommending plans and actions to be taken at local,

tribal, state, regional, and ecosystem-based levels to achieve the goals and objectives of the Management Plan. It is hoped that, collectively, ISAC will represent the views of the broad range of individuals and communities knowledgeable of and affected by invasive species.

Prospective members of ISAC need to be senior-level professionals with expertise relevant to the prevention, eradication, and/or control of invasive species who have demonstrated a high degree of capacity for: advising individuals in leadership positions, team work, project management, tracking relevant Federal government programs and policy making procedures, and networking with and representing their peer-community of interest. ISAC members need not be scientists. Membership from a wide range of disciplines and professional sectors is encouraged. At this time, we are particularly interested in applications from senior-level representatives of tribes, small businesses, non-profit and/or private sector entities focused on landscape-scale management, and organizations specializing in innovative communication strategies.

After consultation with the other members of NISC, the Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to ISAC. NISC will select members based on their individual qualifications, as well as the overall need to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, subject matter expertise, regional knowledge, and representation of communities of interests. ISAC member terms are limited to three (3) years from their date of appointment to ISAC. Following completion of their first term, an ISAC member may request consideration for reappointment to an additional term. Reappointment is not guaranteed.

Typically, the ISAC meets twice per year (spring and fall). Between these meetings, ISAC subcommittees are expected to work via conference calls and email exchanges. Members of the ISAC and its subcommittees serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the ISAC, members may be

reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code. Employees of the Federal Government ARE NOT eligible for nomination or appointment to ISAC.

Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term "individual capacity" refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Submitting Nominations:

Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications (see paragraph five), including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the ISAC and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member.

Any interested person or entity may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the ISAC. Self-nominations are also accepted. Persons or entities submitting nomination packages on the behalf of others must confirm that the individual(s) is/are aware of their nomination. Nominations must be postmarked no later than [INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to Jamie K. Reaser, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council Secretariat (OS/NISC), Regular Mail: 1849 C Street NW (MS 3530), Washington, DC, 20240 and e-mailed to: Jamie_Reaser@ios.doi.gov.

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